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This document provides guidance for quality control of commercial systems for microbial identification from culture, including information that pertains to manufacturers, distributors, and laboratory users. The intent is to ensure optimal performance of a microbial identification system in an efficient (streamlined) manner.

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